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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT**

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19, 2009, and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,675	76%	3,958	65%
Analyzed SAKs	1,439	24%	2,156	35%
<b>Total SAKs</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>100%</b>

As of September 29, 2009, 1,457 untested SAKs (31 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. The results received thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	346	58%
Negative Biological Material Screen	249	42%
<b>Total Results Received</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review	208	60%
Fail to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	72	21%
Uploaded to CODIS	66	19%
<b>Total Positive Biological Material Screen</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>100%</b>

A total of 28 confirmed CODIS matches have been made from the uploaded profiles. Two of these matches are case-to-case with an unknown suspect. Of the 28 matches, 22 are currently under investigation. The other 6 matches are associated with cases which are closed; 1 due to the suspect being deceased, 4 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 1 has had all current workable information exhausted when the unknown DNA profile came back to a consensual partner.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) is in the process of developing methodology to capture and report the information requested in the Board motion approved during the September 1, 2009, meeting. As the information requested in the motion differs significantly in content and detail from that provided previously, software, databases, and manual accounting procedures are under development and modification to capture and format the requested data. It is our intent to have this process complete for the next monthly report.

The Department continues in-house testing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 434 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing.

Due to your Board's support in providing additional Scientific Services personnel to work on DNA cases, the Department fully anticipates even further success in processing untested kits, as well as identifying viable leads in criminal cases, in the future.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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